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Re Application of:
David J. Kolacz, et al.

Examiner: Dinh Q. Nguyen

Art Unit: 3752

For: PIVOTING FLUID CONDUIT JOINT AND
ONE-WAY BRAKE

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application. Applicants are a small entity. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply. Applicants believe that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in these fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

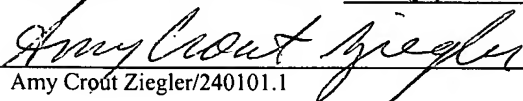
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 16, 2005

Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the Office Action mailed November 16, 2005. The original period of response to the Office Action is a shortened statutory period of three (3) months from the mailing date, and this Reply is submitted within that time limit. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in the present Application in view of the Remarks below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.